



# ADOLESCENT HEALTH

*A Guide for Providers*  
2015 UPDATES

Since this Adolescent Health Guide was printed in 2011, the following updates have occurred:

- The Texas Youth Commission (TYC) agency was transferred to the new Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD). All references to TYC have been updated to TJJD in the most current version of the guide.
- Texas Family Code SS 32.1011 regarding minor consent for immunizations, found on page 6, has changed. It now indicates that a child may consent to the child's own immunization for a disease if the child is 1) pregnant or is the parent of a child and has actual custody of that child; and 2) the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends or authorizes the initial dose of an immunization for that disease to be administered before seven years of age.
- Information regarding Family Planning Contraceptives has been updated. See the insert on page 14.
- The DSHS Mental Health Services website link, found on page 20, has been updated to the following: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/mhservices-search>. This website offers a statewide online locator tool for Local Mental Health Authorities.
- The Texas Health Steps Online Production Education CME module title has been updated from "Cultural Competence" to "Culturally Effective Health Care" in the most current version of the guide.

You can access and download the current version of the guide at:  
<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thsteps/providers.shtm>

